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Pursuant to Rule 7.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the undersigned counsel of record for defendant Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. certifies that (a) Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. is a publicly held corporation whose shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange and has no parent company; and (b) no publicly held corporation owns 10 percent or more of the common stock of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

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